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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. IN AN UNUSUAL ACTION, 178 MEMBERS OF THE 350-MEMBER SWEDISH RIKSDAG (PARLIAMENT) SIGNED A STATEMENT EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL ON DECEMBER 13, THE FINAL DAY OF THIS YEAR'S SESSION. THE SIGNERS, WHO REPRESENTED ALL OF THE PARTIES IN THE RIKSDAG WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY (VPK), WERE REACTING TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN THE MID-EAST DEBATES (REF A).

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THE SPONSOR OF THE MOTION WAS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC M.P. EVA

ASBRINK, A 63-YEAR OLD DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY FROM SOUTHWESTERN SWEDEN WHO HAS BEEN A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL.

2. THE STATEMENT EXPRESSES THE "DEEP ANXIETY" OF THE RIKSDAG AGAINST RECENT ATTACKS ON ISRAEL "AIMED AT ISOLATING THE NATION FROM THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD AND EXCLUDING THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE TO WHICH IT HAS CONTRIBUTED SO RICHLY DURING THOUSANDS OF YEARS." THE STATEMENT CONTINUES: "WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR STRONG BELIEF IN THE NECESSITY FOR THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, OUR HUMAN SYMPATHY WITH THE JEWISH PEOPLE, AND OUR HOPE THAT THE PARTIES WILL FINALLY BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER AGAIN, IN ORDER TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK AND THE CONSTANT THREAT TO PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT." END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO ANDERS WIJMAN, A MODERATE PARTY M.P. AND ONE OF THE SUPPORTERS OF THE STATEMENT, THE RIKSDAG ACTION REFLECTS THE DISSATISFACTION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF M.P.'S TOWARDS THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT "TILT" TOWARDS THE ARABS AS PERCEIVED IN THE SWEDISH ACTION IN THE UNSC AND FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON'S RIKSDAG STATEMENT LAST WEEK DEFENDING THE GOS POSITION (REF B). ACCORDING TO WIJMAN, THE IDEA FOR SUCH A STATEMENT WAS CONCEIVED ONLY DECEMBER 11, FOLLOWING THE ANDERSSON PRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT, AND WOULD HAVE HAD A CONSIDERABLY LARGER NUMBER OF SIGNERS HAD NOT SO MANY M.P.'S ALREADY DEPARTED STOCKHOLM AHEAD OF THE ACTUAL ADJOURNMENT. THE FACT THAT THE SIGNERS REPRESENTED ALL PARTIES (EXCEPT THE COMMUNISTS) SUGGESTS THAT RECENT GOS MID-EAST POLICY HAS CAUSED CONCERN ACROSS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF SWEDISH POLITICS.
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